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Attention: Ms. Sue Kiser

Attention: Mr. Ray Sukys

Dear Ms. Kiser and Mr. Sukys:

With this letter and pursuant to the authority delegated to me, I approve the revised Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization's (TMPO) 2004/05 to 2006/07 Federal Transportation Improvement Program (FTIP). This FTIP was initially adopted by TMPO on November 17, 2004. TMPO has revised this FTIP based on the issues identified in the Federal Highway Administration's (FHWA) letter dated February 22, 2005 and the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) letter dated March 10, 2005. This FTIP approval is valid until the expiration of the California's 2004/05-2006/07 Federal Statewide Transportation Improvement Program (FSTIP).

I am recommending that FHWA and the Federal Transit Administration (FTA) amend this FTIP into the current FSTIP. Projects included in this FTIP in fiscal years not within the three-year cycle of the current FSTIP and projects shown outside the State of California are not approved as part of this FTIP and are shown for information only. These projects are included and submitted by TMPO through the California Transportation Improvement Program System (CTIPS).

The updated programming has been found by TMPO to conform to applicable air quality regulations. Therefore, this FTIP is consistent with the State Implementation Plan.

In accordance with existing law, public involvement procedures are a part of the project selection process. TMPO prepared this FTIP under that process permitting citizens, affected local agencies, other public agencies, and other interested parties reasonable opportunity for comment.

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Please address any questions on this FSTIP approval request to Rachel Falsetti of my staff, at (916) 654-2983.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ross A. Chittenden", with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the right.

ROSS A. CHITTENDEN

Chief

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Enclosure

- c: Steven Barhite - EPA Office of Air Planning (w/enclosure)
- Randy Bellard - Federal Highway Administration, Nevada
- John Singlaub - Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Marc Reynolds - Tahoe Metropolitan Planning Organization
- Rachel Falsetti - Caltrans
- Abhijit Bagde - Caltrans